



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **MAIL STOP: RCE**  
Yoichi MORI et al. : **Confirmation No. 4252**  
Serial No. 09/714,220 : **Docket No. 2000\_1578A**  
Filed November 17, 2000 : **Group Art Unit 1764**  
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : **Examiner H. T. Tran**  
TREATING A WASTE GAS CONTAINING  
FLUORINE-CONTAINING COMPOUNDS

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed August 27, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for three months in accordance with a Petition for Extension submitted herewith, please consider the following: